

## PORTER TOWNSHIP

July 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Marlow with the pledge to the flag

Roll Call: Present were Croninger, Marlow, Wylie, Russell, Harman

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed from last month meeting, and agenda. Wylie made a motion with support from Croninger to accept all minutes. All in favor motion carried

Treasurers report General fund balance \$431,656.11 savings \$310,312.75 Bair Lake \$20,136.06 total sewer Operations & Maintenance Funds \$138,511.37, Sewer Receiving Funds \$875,036.77. Motion made by Wylie and supported by Marlow. All in favor motion carried

Correspondence were read month

SEPSA: Runs for the month of June were as follows: 53 total with 25 in Mason, 1 fire 15 EMS, 7 cancelled in route, 2 other, in Porter: 1 fire 17 EMS, 1 cancelled in route, 3 other. 6 outside service area. Average response time for EMS, 9:43 minutes, for fire 9:31 minutes. Newberg reports for April: 1 fire, 5 EMS calls

Building Report: For the month of March \$419,400.00 in new and remodeling construction.

Bills: Township Bills \$45,425.63, Sewer Bills \$62,109.56 that were approved at agenda with another bill added at meeting. Motion made by Wylie with support from Croninger to pay the bills. All in favor motion carried

Benke: Sherrif Benke was here to give an update on communications from Jan to July for Porter Township. He advised the courts are doing Felonies and Endangerment crimes also, the drug team is up for a millage renewal, they have worked hard at combating hard drugs in the area. He then advised in Cass County there have been 175 cases of COVID with 16 deaths all had preexisting conditions, there have been 49 cases in the past 2 weeks they believe these came from large gatherings. Another subject was the Diamond Lake July 4<sup>th</sup> party who had approximately 10 million hits, they will be cancelling any more gatherings and they are expecting to file charges due to damage done to property owners that have complained in the past. He also advised that they are watching mental health problems since most are just not going to the Dr which is putting people on edge. Benke also advised there has been no COVID cases reported in Porter Township

Cook Land Split: Russell made a motion with support from Harman to accept the land split all in favor motion carried

Delano Land Split: Marlow made a motion with support from Wylie to accept the land split, all in favor motion carried.

Speed Limit Sign: Marlow advised that he went with the CCRC to Peninsula Dr who complained due to the 25 mile an hour signs being taken out. He advised this was due to the State of Michigan, the CCRC advised they do see a reason to put the signs back up. The cost will be \$250 each

Birch Lakeshore: Marlow advised he spoke to the homeowners from the Cul-De-Sac, they were told when the sewer went in they would get asphalt but never got it. They now need a storm drain put in so the water will drain off, since the top soil and sand keeps flowing down and causing a problem.

Gundy: It was advised that their property is for sale and they are asking for the Sewer Assessment back. It was advised that former Supervisor Dan Harvey advised them they had to hook up and it was improper. They have been paying since 2006 with \$2260.48 still left to pay. They are asking for a refund and the

new owners would then be responsible for paying the connection fees when they rebuild where there is currently a building. Motion made by Harman with support from Marlow to give them a refund. Croninger – yes, Marlow – yes, Harman – yes, Wylie – yes, Russell – yes motion carried.

Burley: Resident Burley advised they she has put in several complaints about Hazel St. Clerk Russell advised she has sent the Ord enforcement down several times and are now waiting for the courts to open back up. Marlow advised he will follow up.

Miscellaneous: none

Sewer Report: The WWTP continues to operate in excellent condition, Emergency call outs were in April B-13 twice for Baby wipes and grease, C-5 Odor, in May power outages North and South Routes, C-4 PLC alarm plugged in pump, C-5 plugged pump. Routine maintenance, pending projects repair and reseal cracks on EQ basin tank, manhole smoke testing the week of July 13. Klauppauf also brought up a motion when to charge .5 REU Croninger advised this is not enough information to accept this, due to that the plumbing inspector would have to inspect them, the board would need an effective date also. He will take this back to the Sewer Board for more clarification Klauppauf also advised they have not had any electronic meetings since he could not connect. Also, Semco still has not responded to the requested to move their pipes from being close to the sewer pipes. They are also still waiting for 2 more bids for the repair on the asphalt. The sewer board is also requesting a \$25.00 monthly fee added on to any connection fees that are late. Marlow read past minutes that the board decision was to leave it at 2%

Septage Report: April was approximately 129,333 gallons, May 180,680 gallons, June 181,090 gallons

ZBA report: No report

Wetlands Committee: No report.

Planning Commission: No report

County Commissioner: Dyes advised not much is going on around the area. They have been watching Elkhart County COVID numbers since there are a lot of people in Cass County that work in Elkhart County and they are a “hot” spot now and their numbers are up. Aug 15 is the clean up day for Cass County, it will be at the CCRC this year and they will also be accepting Hazard Waste. He is also heading up a Social Justice which is about opening up and talking.

Public Comments: none

Motion made by Wylie and supported by Croninger to adjourn all in favor motion carried at 8:23

Beth Russell Porter Township Clerk